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Baltic Sea. The following details were determined:

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Date	Time	Position	Class	Type	Course and Speed in knots	Remarks
16 May	1545	off Swinemunde North of the two wrecks	presumably minesweepers	u/i	-	The two rather flat vessels circled the wrecks. No details were observed.
6 May	1545	off Swinemunde near the two wrecks	speed boat	ELCO(?)	-	The vessel left Swinemunde, proceeded behind the two wrecks, sheered off and returned toward Swinemunde.
217 May	1830	eastern buoy 9 of the swept channel off Wustrow	mine sweeper	u/i	-	The vessel drifted without speed. Two canvas-covered guns were on the aft deck. The vessel flew a faded flag most probably the Soviet war ensign. A second vessel of similar type drifted 3 sea miles off the mine sweeper. No details could be observed.
17 May	1640	swept channel 1 near position 8	mine sweeper	u/i	-	The vessel drifted with the bow pointing toward north. The vessel had a gray stack with black smoke cap. The foc'sle was slightly raised as far as bridge. The identification No was below the bridge. One canvas-covered gun each was seen on the foc'sle and the quarter deck. The barrel of an AA machine gun was seen on either side of the bridge.
24 May	0605	54°56'N/16°05'E	submarine	u/i	southwest medium speed	The submarine surfaced very suddenly. Five to 6 men were on the conning tower which flew a long narrow red pennant. A man went aft and fastened the Soviet war ensign on the staff.

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5. 25 May 0600 10 sea miles  
L.M.T northwest of  
Cape Ristna

cruiser Sverdlov 40°

The unit was led by destroyer [ ] which was followed by cruisers [ ] running line ahead; the rear was brought up by destroyer [ ] Destroyer [ ] ran apart, and the destroyer with u/i identification No on the starboard side, of cruiser [ ]

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25 May u/i 59°15'N/  
22°20'E

cruiser Sverdlov southwest  
destroyer u/i

The unit was led by destroyer [ ] which, at a distance, was followed by cruisers [ ] running line ahead. Destroyers [ ] ran apart of the unit, at a distance of approximately 3/4 sea mile. Destroyer [ ] was in line with cruiser [ ] destroyer [ ] in line with cruiser [ ] and destroyer [ ] was aft. The four destroyers were of one type. As special features they had the second mast fore of the second stack, reportedly a rison mast (Kreuzbeinnast).

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25 May 1030 Gulf of  
Finland

submarine Kronstadt southwest  
chaser (?) and west-  
south-west  
medium  
speed

The unit ran line ahead in the following order: [ ] [ ] The vessels were of one type and had a flush deck.

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29 May 0300 20 sea miles  
southwest  
Porkkala

mine sweepers T-301(?) -

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6. 2 June 1400 off Sassnitz  
harbor

submarine u/i -

The submarine put into Sassnitz harbor.

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Date	Time	Position	Class	Type	Course and Speed in knots	Remarks
1.	6 May	1545 off Swinemuende north of the two wrecks	presumably mine sweepers	u/i	-	The two rather flat vessels circled the wrecks. No details were observed.
	6 May	1545 off Swinemuende near the two wrecks	<del>mine (s)</del> speed boat	ELCO(s)	-	The vessel left Swinemuende, proceeded behind the two wrecks, sheered off and returned toward Swinemuende.
2.	17 May	1830 eastern buoy 9 of the swept channel off Wustrow	mine sweeper	u/i	-	The vessel drifted without speed. Two canvas-cove red guns were on the aft deck. The vessel flew a faded flag most probably the Soviet war ensign. A second vessel of similar type drifted 3 sea miles off the mine sweeper. No details could be observed.
3.	17 May	1640 swept channel 1 near position 8	mine sweeper	u/i	-	The vessel drifted with the bow pointing toward north. The vessel had a gray stack with black smoke cap. The foc'sle was slightly raised as far as bridge. One canvas-covered gun each was seen on the foc'sle and the quarter deck. The barrel of an AA machine gun was seen on either side of the bridge.
4.	24 May	0605 54°56'N/16°3'E	submarine	u/i	<del>medium speed</del>	The submarine surfaced very suddenly. Five to 6 men were on the conning tower which flew a long narrow red pennant. A man went aft and fastened the Soviet war ensign on the staff.

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two wreckspresumably  
mine sweeper

u/i

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mine sweeper

u/i

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The vessel drifted without speed. Two canvas-cove red  
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flag most probably the Soviet war ensign. A second  
vessel of similar type drifted 500 yards off the  
mine sweeper. No details could be observed.3. 17 May 1630 swept channel 1  
near position 2

mine sweeper

u/i

-

The vessel drifted with the bow pointing toward  
north. The vessel had a flag stack with black smoke  
can. The funnel was slightly raised as far as bridge.  
The identification No was below the bridge. One canvas-  
covered gun each was seen on the funnel and the quarter  
deck. The barrel of an AA machine gun was seen on either  
side of the bridge.

4. 21 May 0605 54°56'N/16°55'W

submarine

u/i

southeast  
medium  
speedThe submarine surfaced with a single 100 ft. Mine to C ren  
was on the conning tower and fired a four-barrel red  
flares. A man was seen and fastened the Soviet war  
ensign on the staff.

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5. 25 May 0600 10 sea miles  
L.M.T northwest of  
Cape Ristna

25 May u/i 59°15'N/  
22°20'E

25 May 1030 Gulf of  
Finland

29 May 10300 20 sea miles  
southwest  
Porkkala

6. 2 June 1400 off Sassnitz  
harbor

cruiser Sverdlov 40°

destroyer u/i -

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Cape Histan

25 May u/i 59°15'N/  
22°10'E

25 May 1030 off of  
Finland

29 May 0800 20 sea miles  
southwest  
Helsinki

2 June 1400 off San Ritz  
harbor

submarine

destroyer u/i -

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submarine southwest  
and west-north  
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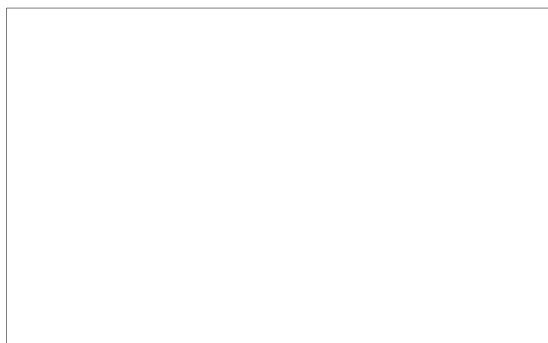
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